



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Count Down to the Hour of Code

**Altoona, December 6, 2013.** Computer Science Education Week is December 9-15, and we're signed up district-wide for the Hour of Code! That means, teachers will incorporate "coding time" during that week.

Why is this important? Computer Science represents an untapped opportunity for our students. Projections based on today's numbers show that there will be 1.4 million computing jobs by 2020, and only 400,000 computer science students to fill them— leaving a gap of 1million!

According to code.org anybody can learn an Hour of Code!

In the Hour of Code, our students will learn the basic concepts of Computer Science with drag and drop programming. Using game-like, self-directed tutorials featuring celebrities like Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Angry Birds - given the opportunity we know our students will take to computer science!

*You're Invited! Here's a couple of opportunities to come see what it's all about!*

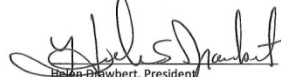
- **Who/where:** Second graders in Mrs. Matz' classroom; Pedersen computer lab  
**When:** Monday, December 9; 10:55-11:40 am  
**What:** Students will code with Angry Birds & Daisy the Dinosaur
- **Who/where:** Third graders in Mrs. VanBlarcom's classroom; Pedersen room 6030  
**When:** December 9-13 ; 2:30-2:50 pm  
**What:** Students will code with Angry Birds Mazes

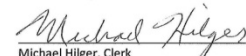
### ALTOONA SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION

*Resolved,* that the Altoona Board of Education

- (1) supports the designation of Computer Science Education Week (December 9-15, 2013);
- (2) encourages schools, educators, parents and policymakers to participate in Computer Science Education Week by enabling their students to participate in the Hour of Code;
- (3) encourages schools, teachers, researchers, universities, business leaders and policymakers to identify mechanisms for teachers to receive cutting edge professional development to provide sustainable learning experiences in computer science at all educational levels and encourage students to be exposed to computer science concepts;
- (4) encourages policymakers to remove barriers that prevent computer science classes from being counted as math or science credits toward graduation requirements;
- (5) encourages opportunities, including through existing programs, for females and underrepresented minorities in computer science.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2013.

  
Helen Dierker, President  
Altoona Board of Education

  
Michael Hilger, Clerk  
Altoona Board of Education

On December 2, the Altoona School Board adopted a resolution supporting Computer Science Education Week and "Hour of Code."

The Resolution is available in its' entirety at:

[http://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/ResolutionCSEWk\\_HrofCode.pdf](http://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/ResolutionCSEWk_HrofCode.pdf)

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